

Central Business District
Architectural Review Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: May 22, 2018

Location: City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, 8th Floor Homeland Security Conference Room, New Orleans, LA, 70112

Called to order: 9:30 a.m.

Adjourned: 11:00 a.m.

Members Present: James Amdal, Ashley King, Elliott Perkins, Brooks Graham

Members arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Members absent: Lee Lebetter

I. AGENDA

1. Minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting.

Motion: Approve the minutes.

By: Brooks Graham

Second: Ashley King

Result: Passed

In favor: James Amdal, Ashley King, Elliott Perkins, Brooks Graham

Opposed:

Comments:

2. 1100 Canal St.

Application: Jenny Lee, applicant; Lc Hospitality Group LLC, owner; Partial demolition of existing theater and new construction of nine-story addition to remaining two-story portion of existing building.

Motion: Brooks Graham made a motion to recommend denial of the proposal. The ARC agreed that construction of the new hotel tower above the existing two-story Spanish Revival facade would not be appropriate. Although they appreciated the efforts to retain the existing theater on the interior and adapt it to the new use, they felt that the demolition of the two-story portion of the building and new construction of a 15-story tower at the street edge did not meet HDLC guidelines. They also recommended that all of the options be presented to the full CBD HDLC Commission for their review.

Second: James Amdal

Result: Passed

In Favor: James Amdal, Ashley King, Elliott Perkins, Brooks Graham

Opposed:

Comments:

3. 606-608 Iberville St.

Application: Harry Smith Jr, applicant; Big Easy Properties LLC, Big Easy Properties LLC, owner; Facade renovations including installation of new balconies and storefront and modifications to window openings. Motion: James Amdal made a motion to defer this application to allow for additional research and to receive input from the State Historic Preservation Office on the proposal. The ARC felt that the proportions of the proposed floor-length windows were not typical for those historically used to gain access to a balcony, which may indicate that there were never balconies in this location. They also agreed that the railing details need further refinement and the newel posts as shown are too heavy.

Second: Ashley King

Result: Passed

In Favor: James Amdal, Ashley King, Elliott Perkins, Brooks Graham

Opposed:

Comments:

4. 936 St Charles Ave.

Application: Jonathan Heltz, applicant; Modern Gumbo Lodging LLC, owner; Install fencing in the alcove along the St. Charles Ave elevation to provide additional security.

Motion: Elliott Perkins made a motion to recommend denial of the application to install security fencing in the alcove. The ARC agreed that building out the steps and installing planters would be more appropriate. The installation of temporary security measures could also be reviewed at the staff level.

Second: Ashley King

Result: Passed

In Favor: James Amdal, Ashley King, Elliott Perkins, Brooks Graham

Opposed:

Comments:

There being no other business to attend to, the ARC meeting was adjourned.